



Museum Newsletter

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Who We Are

The National Museum of Roller Skating is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in Lincoln, Nebraska and the only dedicated roller skating museum in the world. We are committed to the preservation of the history of roller skating. With over 40 display cases, the museum educates the public on all aspects of roller skating, which dates back to the first patented skate from 1819.

Curator's Corner

New Donation

We recently accepted a donation from our motion picture search. As stated in every newsletter, the museum is in need of a few more roller skating movies. Last week the museum received four movie donations from George and Michelle Vannurden. They gave the museum the following films: *Solar Babies*, both editions of *Rollerball* (the original from 1975 and the remake from 2002), and *Shall We Dance?* While not a skating movie, *Shall We Dance* has a great scene with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers skating. Special thanks to them!

Museum Sign

The museum has received a preliminary design for its new outdoor sign. As you may recall, the museum received a grant through Lancaster County for the addition of a new, outdoor sign. After consulting with Lincoln Neon Sign Company, the design team there came up with the following rendition.



Since the museum shares a building with USA Roller Sports, their name is also included on the sign. The sign will either be double sided or triple sided. These final details will go to the Museum Board for approval. More details will appear in following issues.

Attendance

With a relatively mild winter, the museum has seen an increase in normal attendance figures. While not an exponentially higher number, more and more visitors are making plans to see the museum. Normally, visitation hits a wall during the winter as snow falls and remains for months. But with the weather here in Nebraska, visitors continue to trickle in the door.

Skater Profile: Billy Yale

Champion Speed Skater of New England

This information is taken from the book found in the museum store entitled Skaters History on Ice and Roller Skating. For more information like this, consider purchasing the book. Thanks.



Billy Yale began speed skating on roller skates in 1911. Originally from his hometown of New, Haven Connecticut, Yale competed all over the northeast. This promising skater of his time only skated one year in the amateur ranks. After finishing that season with an undefeated record, promoters were after him hard to join

to professional ranks since Yale won all his matches with ease.

In 1913, Yale set an unofficial world record. With partner Harry Burke, the tandem skated a record 385 miles in a twenty-four hour period. This was done in relays of twelve hours over for two nights in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

By March of 1915, Yale increased his competition by skating in the advertised World Championships.

Located in Washington, DC, these unsanctioned races hosted the nation's best. Yale finished 2nd in the ten mile race, completing the distance in thirty-one minutes. He also placed 3rd in the 100 mile race.

For those wishing to renew their memberships, we included the following form. Thanks in advance!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Membership Level

	1 year	2 years
Benefactor	_____ \$500	_____ \$950
Patron	_____ \$250	_____ \$475
Assoc Patron	_____ \$100	_____ \$185
Donor	_____ \$50	_____ \$90
Individual/Family	_____ \$35	_____ \$65
Additional Contribution	\$ _____	
Total Enclosed \$	_____	

Method of Payment

____ Check to National Museum of Roller Skating

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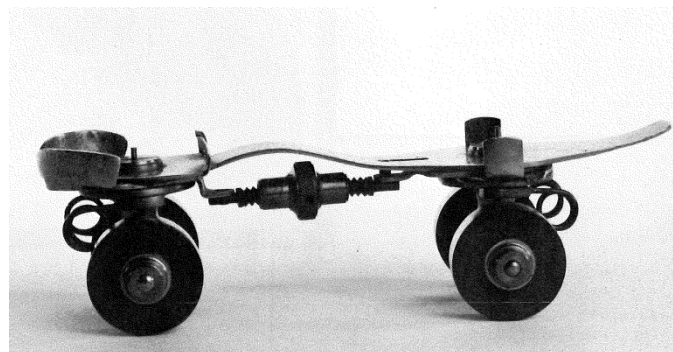
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Skate of the Week:

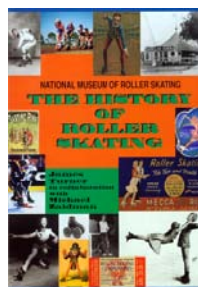


Inventors F.C. Ireland and W.A. Leggo patented their skate in May of 1877. Different from the previous skates, this one has clamps to attach the skater's shoe instead of leather straps.

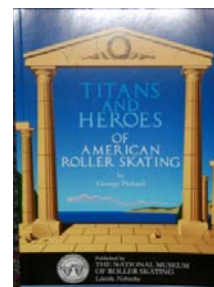
To keep the wheels parallel, there is a pair of springs at both ends that lie along the axles. Its springs press on the axle, which shifts the direction of the wheels and gives the capabilities to turn corners when the skater leans from side to side. There is also a turning screw under the plate that adjusts the clamps so the skate can fit the size and shape of boot worn by the skater.

The re-polished, wooden wheels gives the skate a nicely, finished look.

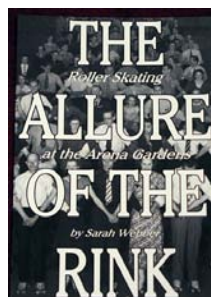
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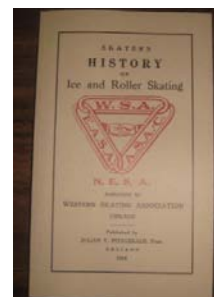
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Library Feature:
The History of Roller Skating

This book tells the full story of roller skating, from inception to present day. Written by a founding member of the museum James Turner, *The History of Roller Skating* explains all aspects of skating, from types of competitions to the skates themselves.

Each chapter contains a major area in skating. The book begins with early skating, its pioneers, and the early skates themselves. It then moves onto increased participation in the sport after 1863 and skating organizations. Disciplines of skating are described at length, in addition to schools, skating shows, costumes, and music. More than 150 photos help capture these ideas. For an all encompassing look at the industry of roller skating, this is the book for you!

Wish List

The museum is expanding its video archive. We would like a DVD copy if possible, but VHS is fine.

1.) First, the museum wants to complete its roller skating big screen collection. Please contact the museum before sending your donation, in case we receive multiple interests on the same film. We continue to need the following films:

<i>Fireball</i>	<i>Skate Town USA</i>
<i>Kansas City Bomber</i>	<i>Derby</i>
<i>Prayer of the Roller Boys</i>	

2.) In addition, the museum is interested in any video footage of national competitions prior to 1980. While DVD format is best, the museum will also gladly accept VHS films. Labeling with events is a plus.

3.) Third, we have very little footage of the Skating Vanities. Really, the only good quality shots we have are scenes from the 1944 movie *Pin Up Girl*.

Thanks in advance for your considerations.

Rink Sticker Collection

The museum has an extensive collection of roller skating rink stickers. Many skating rinks used to produce stickers as both an advertisement and fun way to for skaters to interact with one another, comparing the different location in which they skated. These were even traded as collectibles both informally and formally, under the Universal Roller Skating Sticker Exchange founded in 1948. Each newsletter, we will feature four different rink stickers. Here are a few examples of the numerous

stickers in the collection and on display at the National Museum of Roller Skating.



Holiday Hours

The museum is open today, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Our next holiday shutdown will be on President's Day in February.

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A Happy New Year To You All!

Two Big New Years Celebrations Saturday and Sunday Nights!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st — 7:45 until 12 Midnite

Hats, Horns, Balloons, Noisemakers FREE!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st — Midnite Session—12:00 to 3:30 A. M.

Hats, Horns, Balloons, Noisemakers FREE!

NO ADVANCE IN PRICES EITHER NIGHT!

Above Two Big Nights of New Year's Celebration Held At All Rinks:

WINTER GARDEN ROLLERWAY — Gallivan Boulevard at Neponset Bridge

CHEZ VOUS ROLLERWAY — 11 Rhoades Street, rear Morton Theatre

LYONHURST ROLLERWAY — Boston Post Road, Marlboro, Mass.

Celebrate New Years Roller Skating With The Music of The Hammond Organ:

At the Consoles of the HAMMOND ORGANS:

At the WINTER GARDEN

Ira Bates

At CHEZ VOUS

Stanley Cahoon

at LYONHURST

James O'Hara

HATS, HORNS, BALLOONS, NOISEMAKERS — BOTH NIGHTS — ALL RINKS!

The Usual First Session of Roller Skating from 7:30 until 11:00 Will Be Held Sunday!

Skating Every Afternoon of the School Vacation at the WINTER GARDEN with Ira Bates at the Console of the Hammond Organ. Skating at the LYONHURST and CHEZ VOUS ROLLERWAYS on Saturday and Sunday Afternoons, with music of the HAMMOND ORGAN. All Evening Sessions Every Night!

LADIES' NIGHTS

Monday and Thursdays are Ladies' Nights at all rinks.

Every lady skating on Monday night receives a complimentary skate ticket for Thursday night.

These are two very popular nights with the ladies and the men should not overlook these nights as the ladies always turn out in good numbers.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ROLLER SKATING CLUB'S NIGHT EVERY MONDAY!

Every Monday night, members of any private roller skating club affiliated with the N.C.R.S. Clubs receive a special discount! Club members skate for 25c, which includes admission, checking and skating on Monday Nights only!

A Happy New Year!

Our most sincere wish to every patron is that may 1939 bring a new era of prosperity to your home, family and relatives that will surpass any period of your life and we do mean You!